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Writing Log Reflections: *Othello* - Excuse

I didn’t have a problem understanding the prompt for this paper, but I did have some problems trying to figure out how to write it. Seeing as the paper had to be written in the form of an excuse, I was unsure of how to address the reader and what kind of style to use. I don’t recall ever writing anything similar to this before, at least not this semester, so it felt abnormal to be writing in a way in which I thought to be so informal. Also, I was unsure of how serious the character’s perspective should have been and how apologetic the tone should have been. In the end, I felt okay with what I had written but I was a little unsure if I had gone in the right direction with it or not.

Secondly, I personally feel there were a lot of organization lapses in my paper. A part of that has to do with the mentioned problem in the first paragraph, but also, I was totally not in the right mind set to write a paper. I hate excuses as much as the next person, but I had already worked on other homework and projects all night and finally ended the night by writing the excuse paper. At that point, I was so tired I couldn’t think straight and had almost given up on what I was writing. I knew what I was writing was thoughtful and not a bunch of fluff, but I was having trouble coming up with ideas and putting everything together.